

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

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A RESOLUTION relative to state funding for the planning and start-up costs associated with the two new Tennessee State Veterans Home to be located in Bradley County and Montgomery County, respectively.

WHEREAS, created by the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, the Tennessee State Veterans Homes Board is a body dedicated to the planning, implementation, and directing of the Tennessee State Veterans Homes; and

WHEREAS, there are currently three State Veterans Homes in operation in Tennessee, one each in Rutherford County, Gibson County, and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide adequate care for Tennessee's veterans, the governing body of the State Veterans Home Board is fully supportive of the construction of the fourth and fifth Tennessee State Veterans Homes within the confines of the two counties involved and is also supportive of the State paying the planning and start-up costs associated with such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board's most recent five-year plan includes the construction, by fiscal year 2011-2012, of a 108-bed facility in both Bradley County and Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to facilitate the construction of these two Tennessee State Veterans Homes, county officials are committed to the donation of funds, the holding of all lands until the State is ready to take possession of such lands, and the management of the sizeable donation of funds from the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board did pass this same resolution on January 27, 2011, stating that the State of Tennessee should pay the planning and start-up

costs associated with these two new veterans homes expected to be operative in fiscal year 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the State do everything in its power to provide for the care and concerns of its veterans, each of whom has given of himself or herself in protection of the freedoms of these United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that it is the sense of this General Assembly that funding should be included in the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget for the planning and start-up costs associated with the opening of the fourth and fifth Tennessee State Veterans Homes, to be built in Bradley County and Montgomery County, respectively. The state funding for such projects should recognize and be combined with a three million dollar (\$3,000,000) anonymous gift, real property donated free and clear, available federal funding of sixty-five percent (65%) of the total costs for such facilities, and Bradley County's and Montgomery County's intent to see these important projects through to fruition.